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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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TAGS: EAIR GR

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL) SAFETY

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10081

1. BOEING REGIONAL DIRECTOR R. KEVIN HOWARD TOLD EMBOFF TODAY THAT AUDIT TEAM REPORT WOULD BE ISSUED FROM SEATTLE WITHIN NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. RESUME OF MAIN POINTS OF REPORT AS FOLLOWS: EAL PILOTS ARE VERY PROFESSIONAL AND WOULD RATE THREE OR ABOVE ON A SCALE OF ONE TO FOUR. WHILE FLIGHT ENGINEERS IN SOME CASES LACK PROFESSIONALISM THIS DOES NOT REFLECT ON SAFETY OF OPERATIONS. THERE IS SOME CRITICISM OF LINE MAINTENANCE BUT PROBLEM IS NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO AFFECT SAFETY BECAUSE OF THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE PILOTS. LINE MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS COULD CAUSE DELAYS HOWEVER. OUT STATION MAINTENANCE IS OUT-STANDING. TONE OF REPORT IS SLIGHTLY CRITICAL BUT IS FAVORABLE OVERALL. BOEING PILOTS SAY THEY WOULD NOT HESITATE THEMSELVES TO FLY EAL. REPORT RECOMMENDS AGAINST A MAINTENANCE AUDIT TEAM VISIT, PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT NECESSARY.

3. HOWARD SAYS HE WILL GIVE COPY OF FULL REPORT TO

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